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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Vietnamese American Day at the  
2 State Capitol on May 17, 2023, provides a welcome opportunity to  
3 recognize the wide-ranging contributions that Vietnamese Americans  
4 have made to the history and vitality of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The state has a long and storied history of  
6 Vietnamese immigration that dates back to the late 1970s and early  
7 1980s, when many Vietnamese refugees were resettled in Texas,  
8 particularly in Houston and Dallas, following the fall of Saigon  
9 and the end of the Vietnam War; today, Texas boasts the second  
10 largest Vietnamese American population in the country, with more  
11 than 210,000 Vietnamese American residents, and Houston and Dallas  
12 are home to thriving Vietnamese American communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have faced many hardships  
14 along the way, including language barriers, discrimination, and  
15 cultural differences, and despite those challenges, they have built  
16 prosperous communities and have become active participants in civic  
17 life; through their determination, leadership, and strong  
18 entrepreneurial skills, they have made significant contributions  
19 to the state's economy in areas such as small business ownership,  
20 workforce development, and international trade; Vietnamese  
21 Americans have further contributed to their communities by serving  
22 as elected officials, law enforcement officers, and military  
23 personnel, as well as by supporting education, health care, and  
24 social services, and they have demonstrated a strong commitment to

1 uplifting all Texans, particularly those facing adversity;  
2 moreover, they have helped enrich the state's cultural diversity  
3 through their food, music, art, and language; and

4 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community has contributed  
5 immeasurably to the prosperity and vibrancy of the Lone Star State,  
6 and they may indeed take pride in their instrumental role in the  
7 story of Texas; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize May 17, 2023, as Vietnamese American  
10 Day at the State Capitol.